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- 18. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said software facility copies said data to a different storage medium in response to a request from a user of said electronic device.
- 19. In an electronic device interfaced with a network, said network interfaced with a
  plurality of devices with storage mediums located thereon, a medium holding computer-executable instructions for a method, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a software facility located on said electronic device, said software facility creating a virtual interface; and

allocating data transparently to said plurality of devices for storage using said virtual interface.

20. The medium of claim 19 wherein said method comprises the further steps of:

detecting a failure in one of said plurality of devices holding said data;
and

automatically allocating a copy of said data to a different one of said plurality of devices for storage.

- 21. The medium of claim 19 wherein said method comprises the further step of: allocating a copy of said data to a different one of said plurality of devices for storage in response to a request from a user of said electronic device.
- 22. In a network, a method, comprising the steps of:

wrapping a network storage medium inside a virtual logical unit, said virtual logical unit being a software created virtual interface encapsulating and hiding the location of said network storage medium;

placing said virtual logical unit between said network storage medium and an electronic device; and

accessing data on said network storage medium through data read requests and data write requests sent from said electronic device to said virtual logical unit.